Senator Tom Croci and Brookhaven Councilman Dan Panico Announce Plans for New Spray Pad Park at Smith's Landing (Shirley Beach)

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico and New York State Senator Tom Croci recently toured the grounds at Smith's Landing, otherwise known as Shirley Beach, where plans are underway for the installation of a brand new spray pad park. The spray features, along with significant landscape improvements and a new pergola, will be made possible thanks to a \$300,000 grant secured by Senator Croci from the New York State Dormitory Authority. The grant will fund 70 percent of the capital improvement project, and the Town will fund the remainder.

Supervisor Romaine said, "I thank Councilman Panico and Senator Croci for their efforts to bring the new spray pad park to the residents of Shirley. Smith's Landing is a beautiful location and a great place for families to enjoy and I expect that it will become a very popular destination on hot summer days."

"I have fond childhood memories from when my mom would take us to Shirley Beach," said Councilman Panico. "I am confident that the addition of this spray pad park will enhance the experience and recreational opportunities for local families. The children of the area deserve the best, and I thank Senator Croci for joining me in this effort. He has proven himself to be a positive leader for this community."

"This is a wonderful opportunity that will enhance the recreational enjoyment of so many families and children for years to come," Senator Croci said. "As the Senator for the Tri-Hamlet area, I am proud to have joined with my partners at the Town of Brookhaven, Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico, to secure the funding to build this spray park for the residents and visitors of this beautiful beach-front community."

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